

# Science Club News

## Financing Club Activities

➤ **LAST WEEK** a number of interesting and challenging activities for science clubs were mentioned, most requiring money.

St. Elizabeth's Science Club, St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic H.S., Philadelphia, is a new club searching for fund-raising ideas. Ideas from many clubs of greater experience may be helpful not only to St. Elizabeth's, but to your club, too.

Perhaps the great majority of clubs rely in large measure on dues, supplemented by coat check and refreshment concessions at science fairs and athletic events. Many have bake sales, or sell magazine subscriptions. Have any clubs increased science interest at the same time by selling algae cookies, or by concentrating on subscriptions to science magazines or books?

The Upton Science Club, Upton (Wyo.) H.S. reports financial support from the school system, while the Haywood County Science Seminar, Waynesville, N.C., is sponsored by the United Fund and the Science Researchers of Presentation H.S., Berkeley, Calif., receive funds from the Heart Association and also from individual scientists in the community.

The Mount Carmel Science Club, Mount Carmel H.S., Chicago, is allotted a share of the activity fund which in turn is funded by the tuition the school charges students.

The Science and Math Club of Franklin (Ohio) H.S. finances club activities through science fair monetary awards to their school. Others using science fairs as a source of funds are the Hendrix Drive Science Club, Hendrix Drive Elementary School, Forest Park, Ga., and S<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Science Club of Jackson (Ga.) H.S. Hendrix Drive charges a registration fee to fair participants, while S<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> charges the public admission to visit the fair.

Many clubs sponsor and charge admission to other events. The Union Academy Science Club of Union Academy H.S., Bartow, Fla., shows films of a scientific nature, and the Science-Math Club of Yankton (S. Dak.) Sr. H.S. puts on its own science show. The Junior Scientists of America at Holy Redeemer H.S., Woodbury, N.J., put on a chemical magic show which not only entertains, but also helps stir up interest in science.

Mu Sigma Mu, of Mount de Chantal Academy in Wheeling, W. Va., lets "outsiders" go along on their field trips—for a fee, of course.

Clinton (Tenn.) H.S. Science Club has found outstanding adult scientists very cooperative, and has presented such scientists at lecture-demonstrations, with the public invited at a fee. Medicare has been explained, laser beams shown, and outer space discussed. Perhaps the public would like to hear what your next speaker has to say.

Often common everyday needs of your community can best be met with the skills acquired by science club members. The Novato (Calif.) H.S. Science Club has a soil testing service, while the Naturalist Club of North Miami (Fla.) Jr. H.S. sells nature pictures, stationery with nature designs, jewelry made from nature materials, and bird and animal feeders.

The Granger Science Club, Granger Jr. H.S., National City, Calif., sells atomic-energized seeds each spring, which they obtain from Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The Windthorst Student Scientists of Windthorst (Texas) H.S. plant seeds and later sell plants. You might implement both of the above activities by planting any leftover seeds not sold. The plants resulting from atomic-energized seeds might be so unusual they would sell readily at a very good price.

The Mason City (Iowa) H.S. Science Club sells atomic tables to students, and also collects empty soft drink bottles, turning them in for the refund. This not only brings in revenue, but also is a real community service because abandoned bottles usually get broken and are dangerous as well as unsightly.

There must be many clubs with other fund-raising ideas that have proven successful and of which other clubs may not have thought.

Share your club ideas not only on fund-raising but on other club activities and interests by sending a report to Science Clubs of America, 1719 N St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20036.

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